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PATENT: CV01185K1X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chackalamannil et al.) Group Art Unit: 1625
 Serial No.: 10/705,282) Examiner: To Be Assigned
 Filed: November 10, 2003)
 For: Methods of Use of)
 Thrombin Receptor Antagonists)
 Docket No.: CV01185K1X)

Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered before the above-identified application is given substantive consideration.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 19.

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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 11 by deleting the recitation "gastrointestinal tract", which was inadvertently recited twice in each claim. As amended, claims 3 and 11 each recite "gastrointestinal tract" only once.

New claims 17 and 29 are dependent on claim 9, and are further directed to the uses of the compounds of Examples 2B (see p. 39 of the specification) and 49B (see p. 43 of the specification), respectively. Claims 18-28 and 29-39 depend from Claims 17 and 28, respectively, and are further directed to more particular sets of uses. No new matter has been added to the application.

Examination on the merits for claims 1-39 is respectfully requested.

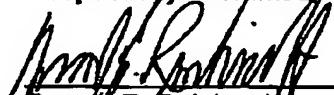
If the Examiner has questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

AUTHORIZATION

As this Preliminary Amendment is being submitted before the date of mailing of the first Office Action, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, should such extension become necessary for the entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is petitioned for such extension. A Fee Transmittal is submitted herewith, reflecting the fees made necessary by the claim count following entry of this amendment. Should any further fee become necessary to allow entry of the Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to draw the required amount from Applicants' deposit account no. 19-0365.

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Respectfully submitted,



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